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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter I am transmitting for your approval into the 2002 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP), the approved Financial Constraint of the 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) for the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments' (SLOCOG).

It has been determined that the SLOCOG's 2002 FTIP is constrained to revenues, which can be reasonably expected to be available. Projected revenues in SLOCOG's financial plan are consistent with: the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Fund Estimate adopted by the California Transportation Commission in December 2003, the State Budget Act of 2003, local/regional estimates of local revenues, federal projections of future apportionments and projected estimates of Federal Transportation Authority (FTA) funding.

Also with this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment No. 8 of SLOCOG's FTIP.

No.
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Description
State, Local and Transit Elements

- Programs a Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) project for the Department of Transportation. The amendment programs \$23,000,000 in federal funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003/04 for the "Hearst Ranch Enhancement" project. The project scope includes acquisition of the Hearst Ranch between the Mean High Tide and the westerly existing Highway 1 Right of Way line in San Simeon to allow passive recreation and scenic view-shed protection via scenic easement. See enclosed FTIP project listing.
- Modifies funding for a Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program project for the San Luis Obispo County. The amendment programs an additional \$100,000 in Federal Demonstration funds in FY 2003/04 for "San Luis Bay Drive" project. See enclosed FTIP project listing.

- Modifies funding for "Moonstone Beach Boardwalk Recreational Trail" project for the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The amendment increases the total project cost from \$264,000 to \$399,000 in FY 2003/04. See enclosed FTIP project listing.
- Modifies or adds various transit projects for the San Luis Obispo Regional Transit. These projects are funded with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 and 3037 programs, and Transportation Development Act (TDA). See enclosed FTIP project listings.

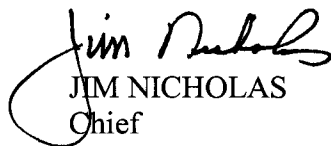
Along with the federal approval of the SLOCOG's financial constraint into the FSTIP, I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 8 for inclusion into FSTIP. Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for projects in air quality attainment areas that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement. Therefore, this FTIP amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. These projects are included and submitted by SLOCOG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. SLOCOG prepared this FTIP Amendment under the process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



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Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Ronald L. De Carli - San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
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